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## SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISPLAYING CURRENT IMAGES OF VIRTUAL MACHINE ENVIRONMENTS

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for displaying thumbnail images of the video output of one or more software applications in a window or similar graphical interface to allow the user of a computer system to conveniently and quickly monitor the overall status and progress of several software applications that are running simultaneously. The thumbnail images are generated from the VRAM associated with the software application and are preferably displayed with information corresponding to the associated software application. The thumbnail images may be static or generated at regular intervals according to user preference and the status of the software application.